

## Message Text

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ALL OTHER CONSULATES IN CANADA (BY POUCH)

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRN, CA  
SUBJECT: FOREIGN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL IN TRANSPORT  
SECTOR

REF: OTTAWA 1687

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONSIDERS EXTAFF RESPONSE TO USG CONCERNS ABOUT GOC TRANSPORT POLICY LESS THAN SATISFACTORY. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT TO EXTAFF UNDER SECRETARY AND PRESS FOR MORE POSITIVE COMMITMENT TO CONSULT. END SUMMARY.

2. EXTAFF NOTE TRANSMITTED REFTEL IS LESS THAN SATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO USG'S SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS ABOUT FUTURE GOC TRANSPORT POLICY. OBVIOUSLY EMBASSY'S NOTE OF LAST OCTOBER DID NOT DISSUADE GOC FROM INCLUDING "CANADIAN CONTROL" CONCEPT IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION (BILL C-33) AS OBJECTIVE OF TRANSPORT POLICY IN PRIVATE SECTOR. WE CANNOT TAKE MUCH COMFORT IN EXTAFF'S STATEMENT THAT OBJECTIVE IS "NOT INTENDED ...(TO) BE SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR REGULATORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION."  
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ONCE OBJECTIVE BECOMES LAW, IT SEEMS INEVITABLE THAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO ACHIEVE IT OVER TIME.

3. EXTAFF'S OFFER TO "BEAR IN MIND THE EMBASSY'S HOPE" FOR CONSULTATIONS ON ACTIONS AFFECTING U.S. INVESTMENT IN CANADIAN TRANSPORT INDUSTRY FALLS SHORT OF A COMMITMENT TO CONSULT AND APPEARS TO BE MINIMUM RESPONSE GOC COULD MAKE TO US. EMBASSY DOES NOT THINK THAT FURTHER

WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE, AS PRACTICAL MATTER, THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. AMBASSADOR INTENDS, HOWEVER, TO FIND EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO EXTAFF UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT WEAKNESS OF MARCH 14 RESPONSE AND TO ATTEMPT TO ELICIT FROM HIM MORE POSITIVE EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT SHOULD PROBLEMS ARISE IN FUTURE.

4. OVER LONGER RUN IT WILL BE UP TO EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO MONITOR SITUATION CLOSELY AND PROMPTLY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WHENEVER WE BECOME AWARE OF ACTIONS OR PROPOSED ACTIONS THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. INTERESTS. ENDERS

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